

REMARKS

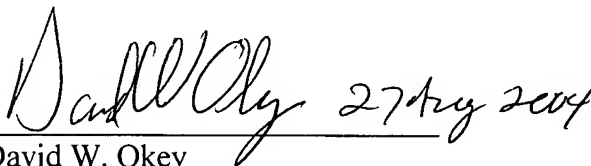
1. Applicants hereby file a Preliminary Amendment in this continuation application. The Preliminary Amendment cancels as-filed Claims 1-18, and adds new Claims 19-50. No new matter was added in amending the claims. Support for the new claims is found at least in the original claims as filed, in the drawings, and in the specification. In particular, support for Claims 19, 43 and 48 is found in Claims 1 and 7, and in the specification at p. 2, line 23, to p. 3, line 1; at p. 4, lines 6-7; at p. 24, lines 23-28; p. 25, line 4, to p. 27, line 2; p. 29, lines 1-22; and Figs. 4-7. Support for new Claims 20 and 44 is found at least in the specification, p. 26, lines 6-27, and in Fig. 7. Support for new Claim 21 is found at least in Figs. 7-9 and in the specification, on p. 24, lines 13-14 and on p. 26, lines 20-22. Support for new Claim 22 is found at least in p. 24, lines 14-15, and in Fig. 3. Support for new Claim 23 is found in the specification on p. 26, lines 20-27, and in Figs. 7 and 9. Support for new Claim 24 is found in Claim 2, in the specification at p. 32, line 10, to p. 33, line 19, and in Figs. 14-17. Support for new Claims 25 and 47 is found at least in the specification at p. 5, lines 3-6, and in Figs. 10 and 11. Support for new Claim 26 is found at least at p. 27, lines 8-10. Support for new Claim 27 is found at least in Claim 4, and in the specification at p. 26, lines 11-16, and p. 27, lines 6-10.

Support for new Claim 28 is found at least in Figs. 5-12 and in the specification at p. 24, lines 23-27. Support for new Claims 29 and 49 is found at least in Figs. 18-27 and in the specification at p. 37, line 3, to p. 39, line 6. Support for new Claim 30 is found at least in Fig. 18 and in the specification at p. 37, lines 3-25. Support for new Claims 31 and 32 is found on p. 39, lines 14-18. Support for new Claim 33 is found at least in Figs. 7-12. Support for new Claim 34 is found at least in the specification at p. 24, lines 14-19, and in Fig. 3. Support for new Claim 35 is found at least in the specification at p. 24, line 31, to p. 25, line 2. Support for new Claim 36 is found at least in the specification at p. 26, lines 20-27, and p. 37, lines 3-11, and in Figs. 7-9 and 19. Support for new Claim 37 is found at least in Claim 1 and in the specification, p. 10, lines 23-25. Support for new Claim 38 is found at least in the specification at p. 25, lines 6-29, and in Fig. 4. Support for new Claim 39 is found at least in the specification at p. 24, lines 14-15, and in Figs. 3 and 7-10. Support for

new Claim 40 is found at least in the specification at p. 31, line 21, to p. 32, line 6. Support for new Claim 41 is found at least in the specification at p. 16, lines 2-5, p. 81, lines 2-4, and p. 84, lines 2-7. Support for new Claims 42 and 50 is found at least in the specification at p. 32, line 10, to p. 35, line 9, and Figs. 15-16. Support for new Claim 45 is found at least in the specification, at p. 10, lines 16-17. Support for new Claim 46 is found at least in the specification at p. 11, lines 14-20, and in Figs. 14-17.

2. Applicants have also amended the title, and have amended two paragraphs from the specification to correct typographical mistakes. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the amendment and to grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application or would be helpful to the Examiner.

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